

# The Ogden Standard

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## OPENING THE DOORS TO THE VISITORS.

On Friday the Eagles' lodge offered its home on Grant avenue to the committee on entertainment, and the Woodmen of the World declared its intention to swing wide its doors to the strangers who are here during the Golden Spike celebration. This is the right spirit and is a reminder of the excellent work of the Elks of Ogden when, during the influenza epidemic, they gave their beautiful building to the sufferers of that disease.

When occasion demands, all our clubs and organizations should keep open house. It is doing a community service which will bring rich returns in good will, and even in dollars.

By the way, Ogden should not attempt to make money out of this celebration. The guiding idea should be to welcome in a most generous way the people who are to be here.

The strangers who are coming, and the old-timers who are to renew the acquaintances of their youth, should be hospitably received and made to feel at home. In the old days, there was no place where hospitality was more gracious than in Utah, and it would be a delightful experience for the old people who are returning to find that all of the kindness and thoughtfulness had not disappeared with the passing of the years.

There was a time in the west when travelers were welcomed wherever they stopped over night. Doors were not locked and pantries were not closed. The strangers simply made themselves known and participated in the comforts of the home.

Even from a monetary standpoint it would pay Ogden to do the extraordinary by offering entertainment and accommodations with the least possible tax, for Ogden today needs advertising more than any other attention. The aim should be to bring in a great body of people and then send the visitors home with pleasant memories.

Keeping the arrivals in the best possible frame of mind, while explaining to them Ogden's present developments and future possibilities, would bring back to Ogden a rich endowment.

## COMMUNITY SINGING.

Nothing so quickly brings back the days of yore as the old songs of the old days. And so when Lester Hinchcliff announced that during the celebration there would be community singing with the melodies of long ago included, The Standard was pleased, knowing that no one thing proposed would so delight the old-timers as the songs of their youth.

Lately a local play house had a group of singers who were supposed to give the old songs, but they were from the South and limited their efforts to the negro melodies, which were enjoyable, but a western audience would most welcome the songs of the plains of the early days on the frontier and in the mining camps and on the railroad.

"Ben Bolt" had such charm that when it was revived a few years ago as part of a play, the production instantly became popular.

"Way Down East," presented twenty years ago, had a quartette of harmony which rendered the "Old Oak Bucket" with such soul that the play was always assured a large audience.

The old songs are always soulful because they recall the sentiments which attach to home—to the home of memory.

## YANKS EQUAL TO ALL TASKS.

How cleverly the Germans had planned to carry on the war and how far reaching were their preparations as illustrated by the discovery of a

wireless plant in Africa. The officers of one of the giant radio plants conducted by the American army of occupation had their suspicions aroused by the nature of the messages which were being sent out from the Nauen tower near Berlin, and after a long in-

vestigation they came to the conclusion that the German government was communicating with some foreign station. Working on that theory, they finally discovered that in the mass of news and propaganda emanating from the Nauen tower was a code. Further, it developed that these code messages were addressed to a station in Africa. Once the Americans had worked out the code it was easy to decipher the messages, which, I was told, really were harmless, but the German government had been steeped in intrigue for so long that it was second nature to go the longest way around if there was an element of secrecy in such a course.

At any rate, having the messages in their possession, the American wireless experts sat down to await the reply. This came in due course and was easily received by the American operators. Not so with the Nauen tower. It seems that the waves were very weak and also that the German amplifiers have been surpassed by those of the American radio service. The result was that the Germans never received the message.

The officer in charge of the American station is a bit of a wag. He held up the message three days and then sent it through in perfectly good German to the Nauen tower, adding, "So sorry, old man, your amplifiers are not up to the Yankee ones," and the Nauen tower operator was a good enough sport to acknowledge the message. Nothing has been heard of the African station since.

The Yankee works less spectacularly than the Teuton, but "he gets there, just the same."

## FILIPINO APPEAL FOR INDEPENDENCE.

A large delegation of intelligent Filipinos is in the United States, laboring to obtain the independence of the islands, and, within the past few days, the delegates have issued a statement in which they present two main reasons why complete self-government should be granted at this time. They make this declaration:

"In the first place, the condition imposed by the government of the United States as necessary prerequisites to the granting of our independence have been fulfilled, namely, that a stable government may be established in the islands. In the second place, the recognition of Philippine independence is the logical sequel, the inevitable consequence to the stand taken by the United States in the recent world war."

"We shall now briefly refer to some of the conditions in the islands which furnish ground for the assertion that there is now a stable government, which will be maintained under an independent Philippine government. Peace and order reigned throughout the archipelago under this government which in practice was maintained wholly by Filipino officials. During the war the United States had to call practically every American soldier from the Philippines and the Filipinos not only kept peace and order during this time within the boundaries of the Philippines and thereby supported the American flag, but went even further. They placed their national guard at the disposal of the federal government for service in Europe, and out of their modest resources they oversubscribed

their quota of every liberty loan, they contributed liberally to the Red Cross and they offered a submarine and a destroyer to the United States.

"It has been generally asserted by opponents of Philippine independence that if the government of the Philippines were placed in the hands of the Filipinos, some of the non-Christian inhabitants of the islands, the Moros, would resist that government, and the rest of the pagans would be abused and mistreated by their Christian countrymen. For the last three years these less fortunate Filipinos, numbering only 500,000 out of the population of 10,000,000, have been under the care of a government controlled and managed by the Christian Filipinos. The local governments in the territory inhabited by the Moros are administered by both Christian Filipinos and Moros, and there is more peace there now than ever before. 'Law and order,' reported Governor Carpenter of the department of Mindanao and Sulu, 'now obtain throughout the Mohammedan Philippine territory.' In the annual report of the governor-general of the Philippine Islands to the secretary of war for 1917, the following statement appears: 'Peace and continuing good order existed at the close of the year throughout the non-Christian provinces. No band of outlaws exists in non-Christian territory.' There are more schools, better roads, and a larger area of land under cultivation among the non-Christian population than ever before. All this took place under the administration of the secretary of the interior, Mr. Palma, a Filipino, who is the highest official in the Philippine government in charge of this territory.

"There are also some critics who assert that once the strong hand of the United States is withdrawn from the islands popular education will be abandoned. Such critics of course forget or are ignorant of the fact that, prior to American occupation of the islands, one of the most insistent requests made by Filipino leaders in Spain was the extension of popular education and that amongst the first laws enacted by the Philippine republic during its short existence was the establishment of compulsory universal education in the Philippines. These critics further forget that the United States won the confidence of the Filipinos among other things because of the policy of furthering popular education, and in this respect all American administrators found from the very beginning the cordial and active co-operation of the people.

"Filipino parents, in order to provide for the education of their children, do not hesitate to make all kinds of sacrifices. The people as a whole are a unit in their desire to promote the interests of education in the islands. As an eloquent proof of the attitude of the people toward the public schools and as an indication of the fate of education in Filipino hands, mention may be made of the fact that in the last session of the Philippine legislature, a legislature composed entirely of Filipinos, the largest single appropriation for educational purposes was voted and through this appropriation a plan has been devised whereby inside of six years every child of school age in the Philippines will be given an opportunity for education.

"There are several provisions in the league of nations which have already been successfully applied in the Philippines. Let it be said to the glory of America, that she was the first nation to apply the principle of trusteeship in the treatment of a colony, that she has governed the Philippines in a disinterested trustee for civilization with the liberation of the Filipino people, not their exploitation, as the sole end in view."

## WHAT ARE THE "WILD REDS" SAYING?"

(With Apologies to "What Are The Wild Waves Saying?")  
What are the "Wild Reds" saying?  
Come, winds of the North and tell;  
How the Russian steppes are dripping  
With the ooze and stench of Hell.  
These chill winds, these ill winds,  
That blow from the North today;  
Bring they of cheer, or only fear—  
Come, what do the "Wild Reds" say?

What are the "Wild Reds" saying?  
Come winds of the East, and tell;  
Blow us in milder accents, and tell;  
The news of the awful Hell.  
These mild winds, these wild winds,  
That rise from the Eastern way;  
To bleed the earth, for all it's worth—  
What do the "Wild Reds" say?

What are the "Wild Reds" saying?  
Winds of the North and South,  
With venom in his nostrils  
And sugar in his mouth.  
These cream-winds, these dream winds,  
Creeping their serpentine way,  
From cactus field, where woe and weal—  
Come, what do the "Wild Reds" say?

What are the "Wild Reds" saying?  
Winds of the West and East—  
Flapping their scarlet banner  
Astride a swaggering beast;  
These red flags, these red rags—  
What have they got to tell?  
How fires are kindled—how nations  
dwindle  
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